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CLOSE OUT HIS TAB

Lawsuit. Mayoral hopeful and millionaire Tom Knox is suing Italian steakhouse Table 31, claiming the owner stopped offering him a discount. **A case of entitlement?** Knox invested in the restaurant and was allegedly promised half-off food and beverages, but the owner has since stopped that practice. **Ready to back out.** Knox wants to dissolve his partnership with the restaurant. PAGE 02

Friday Night Lights under the El

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The Kensington Tigers are a football team worth cheering for — and the focus of the new documentary "Rise of the Tigers." / STEVEN REITZ

Tech N9ne is hip-hop gone wild

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Shooting

Man shoots two, kills one

Riding a bike, a man, 24, opened fire on a Cadillac in Kensington on Friday, killing one and injuring another, police said. A man, 20, was shot in the head and died. Another man, 27, was shot once in the shoulder.

In the news

87ers new 76ers affiliate

The Delaware 87ers. Just rolls off the tongue, doesn't it? The Philadelphia 76ers ownership group announced Saturday its acquisition of an NBA Development League franchise that will serve as the minor league affiliate to the Sixers. And just like its big brother, the team will go by a historic-date nickname: "Sevens" for short. Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution on Dec. 7, 1787, hence "87ers." The Sevens will play its home games at the Bob Carpenter Center, a 5,000-seat stadium on the University of Delaware's campus. The Sixers, which purchased 100 percent of the D-League team, are only the sixth NBA team to do so.

Tom Knox wants out of Table 31

Sued. Knox claims Table 31 ended his 50 percent dining discount without explanation.

Table 31 / FILE PHOTO

Mayoral hopeful and multimillionaire Tom Knox filed a lawsuit Thursday against Table 31 restaurant and owner Chris Scarduzio for allegedly taking an axe to Knox and his wife Linda's 50 percent dining discount.

According to the complaint, Knox in 2008 became a partner in the "redefined steakhouse bistro," agreeing to invest $250,000 for partnership shares "as well as in exchange for the guaranteed 50 percent discount on all food and beverage purchases." Table 31 allegedly discontinued the half-price investor meals two years later "without explanation" and did not reinstate it despite Knox's "repeated requests."

Table 31 in 2010 asked Knox for $37,500 more, and the following year, proposed an amendment to the partnership to include more investors and convert advances into operating funds, according to the suit. The complaint states Knox refused to sign the amended agreement without assurances the discount would again be honored.

CFO Edward Lack wrote to the Knoxes "to assure them that the 50 percent discount would be applied to all 'food and bev' charges going forward." But the freebie was allegedly again discontinued in 2012.

The complaint further states Table 31's operating costs and rental expenses "are so great that the partnership cannot operate at a net gain in the future" and the establishment is disqualified under the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission's rules from making offerings to raise additional capital in the future. The Knoxes are seeking a court order dissolving their partnership with the restaurant, along with unspecified economic damages and full access to the partnership's books and financial records to determine "the extent of the mismanagement" in both asset handling and SEC compliance.

Tom Knox threw his hat in the ring for the 2015 mayoral race.
FILE PHOTO

Allegations

The suit also claims:

- Table 31 operated at a net loss each year since its opening despite receiving an advance from investors totaling more than $1 million.
- Scarduzio and Lack "fraudulently" assured Knox the partnership had complied with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Carnaval de Puebla

The colorful festival in South Philadelphia kicked off Mexican Week Philadelphia 2013. Events continue until May 5.

Participants dance in front of Geno's Steaks at the annual carnival re-enacting the Battle of Cinco de Mayo. / PHOTOS BY CHARLES MOSTOLLER

A man dressed in Aztec feathers dances at the festival.

A child dressed as an "indio" is carried by her father.

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City announces sidewalk cafe crackdown

Dining. The Streets Department is seeing an uptick in complaints about blocked sidewalks.

As the weather warms up and the need to share valuable pavement space becomes more evident, the Streets Department has announced monthly outdoor dining inspections as part of a sidewalk cafe crackdown.

"Sidewalk cafes are a valued amenity as they promote a lively and festive atmosphere on city streets," said acting Streets Commissioner David Perri in a statement. "Cafe operators, however, need to adhere to their approved seating plans and be diligent in keeping public sidewalks safe and accessible for all users."

He said the department has received an increased volume of complaints about sidewalks made impassable by al fresco eateries. Inspectors will ensure signs and banners aren't in the public right-of-way and cafe seating doesn't extend beyond city-approved limits. Cafes without permits or those whose seating doesn't adhere to approved plans will be ticketed and required to comply immediately. Repeated violators are subject to the confiscation of signs, tables and chairs and the loss of business licenses.

Outdoor cafes will be watched closely this summer. / RIKARD LARMA

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Opinion

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THE RECIPE FOR A LOVE COCKTAIL

I am a single, 27-year-old bartender who lives in Center City. I work very hard, make good money, love life, think of myself as an attractive girl — and cannot find love. I meet many different people because of the business I am in. I even use dating websites. The guys that I am interested in are not into me, and the ones that are interested in me, I am not into them. What should I do differently to find love? Angela

Serving up drinks and looking for love in Center City could be a volatile mix. Being attractive, 27 and behind the bar in the fifth largest city in America is a calling card for dudes of all types.

When the alcohol is flowing, it's really interesting the conversations struck up between the dude buying the drink and the attractive woman behind the bar hearing the lines — excuse me, conversation.

The bartender walks a fine line between being accommodating, working it to maximize profit and the almighty tip from the masses. I'm sure you have seen it all when it comes to men behaving badly, and this, I'm just assuming, has cast some trust issues.

Quoted

"Being single myself for many years, I've seen it all. And quite frankly, hats off to all of you bartenders out there dealing with the jackasses of the world ... I would not date anyone that you meet at work."

Being single myself for many years, I've seen it all. And quite frankly, hats off to all of you bartenders out there dealing with the jackasses of the world.

Now, Angela, I would not date anyone that you meet at work, because in that environment it's hard to distinguish between B.S. and reality.

As far as website dating goes, I'm not a big fan. Anyone can write anything. I happen to believe in destiny: When it's meant to happen, it will happen.

If you don't believe in the destiny route, perhaps go to your local supermarket. This way, you can tell between the fruits and nuts.

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Venous Reflux Disease – A More Serious Condition…

Varicose veins may be symptoms of venous reflux disease, a serious medical condition. Healthy leg veins contain valves that open and close to assist the return of blood back to the heart. Venous reflux disease develops when these valves become damaged or diseased. As a result, vein valves will not close properly, causing varicose veins and other symptoms. This disease is progressive and can worsen over time.

It Could Happen to You - Contributing Factors…

There are many underlying causes that may contribute to the presence of venous reflux disease, which has been attributed to heredity, obesity, pregnancy and professions that require long hours standing. Although some people are more susceptible than others by virtue of their jobs and/or medical history, the fact is that venous reflux disease and varicose veins can happen to anyone.

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No dice. School District: No charter school expansion

The School District of Philadelphia will not approve charter expansions next year, officials announced recently.

Twenty-one city charter schools asked to add in total 15,000 seats for the 2013-14 school year.

The district points to a $304 million budget shortfall, and a $500 million price tag it claims expansion would cost over a five-year period.

If the district is unable to fill that gap, the per-pupil payments to charter schools for regular education students will also drop.

"Given our dire financial prospects, we must ask for shared sacrifices from our partners," said Superintendent William Hite in a statement.

"It would be irresponsible for the District to endorse charter expansion while asking our principals to do the impossible with school budgets."

The School Reform Commission is expected to vote on the renewals on May 15.

District officials have previously asked for $60 million from the city and $120 million from the state for relief, and has also suggested employee wage concessions. Without the added funding, Hite has warned of massive cuts. **TOMMY ROWAN**

By the numbers

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- District says expansion would cost $500 million over a five-year period.

The wagon rests in winter, the sleigh in summer, but the horse, never

A young farmer in Lancaster, the heart of Pennsylvania's Amish country, sprays his field with a horse-drawn cart at the beginning of the spring planting season over the weekend. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Alert

Flasher sought near Philly U

Police are seeking an alleged flasher accused of harassing women at least five times near Philadelphia University.

The man allegedly approached several women, asked inappropriate questions and, in at least one case, exposed himself. **METRO**

Bust

Raid targets Backpage

Four people were arrested Thursday in a crackdown on the advertisement and solicitation of sex through websites.

Undercover female officers posed as prostitutes and placed advertisements on Backpage.com during the three-day sting. **METRO**

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Bangladeshi police fire teargas after relatives of the missing and dead burst into angry protests at the disaster site of an eight-story building that collapsed last week. / GETTY IMAGES

Bangladesh death toll reaches 377, building owner under arrest

Collapse. Anger over the disaster has sparked days of protests and clashes.

The owner of a factory building that collapsed in Bangladesh and killed hundreds of garment workers was arrested yesterday trying to flee to India, as hopes of finding more survivors from the country's worst industrial accident began to fade.

Mohammed Sohel Rana was arrested by the elite Rapid Action Battalion in the border town of Benapole, Dhaka District Police Chief Habibur Rahman told Reuters, ending a four-day manhunt that began after Rana Plaza, which housed factories making low-cost garments for Western retailers, caved in on Wednesday.

Bangladesh television showed Rana, a local leader of the ruling Awami League's youth front, being flown by helicopter to the capital Dhaka, where he will face charges of faulty construction and causing unlawful death.

Authorities put the latest death toll at 377 and expect it to climb higher with hundreds more still unaccounted for.

Four people were pulled out alive yesterday after almost 100 hours beneath the mound of broken concrete and metal, and rescuers were working frantically to try to save several others still trapped, fire services deputy director Mizanur Rahman said. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"The chances of finding people alive are dimming, so we have to step up our rescue operation to save any valuable life we can."

Major General Chowdhury Hassan Sohrawardi, coordinator of the operation at the site

Feminist author

Mary Thom, 68, killed in NY motorcycle accident

Feminist and former women's magazine editor Mary Thom was killed in a motorcycle crash over the weekend in Yonkers, N.Y.

Thom crashed her motorcycle on the Saw Mill Parkway on Friday evening, said Eleanor Smeal, publisher of Ms. Magazine and a close friend of Thom. **REUTERS**

Tensions. Two police officers shot as Italian government sworn in

Two Italian police officers were shot and wounded yesterday outside the prime minister's office in Rome as new premier Enrico Letta's government was being sworn in just a miles away.

It was not clear whether the attack by a man police said was unemployed was linked to the launch of the new government at a time of deep political divisions and social tensions exacerbated by a long slump in the economy.

Newly installed Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said the attack appeared to be an "isolated act" that did not suggest any wider security threat. But there were immediate calls for politicians to try to calm a volatile public mood. **REUTERS**

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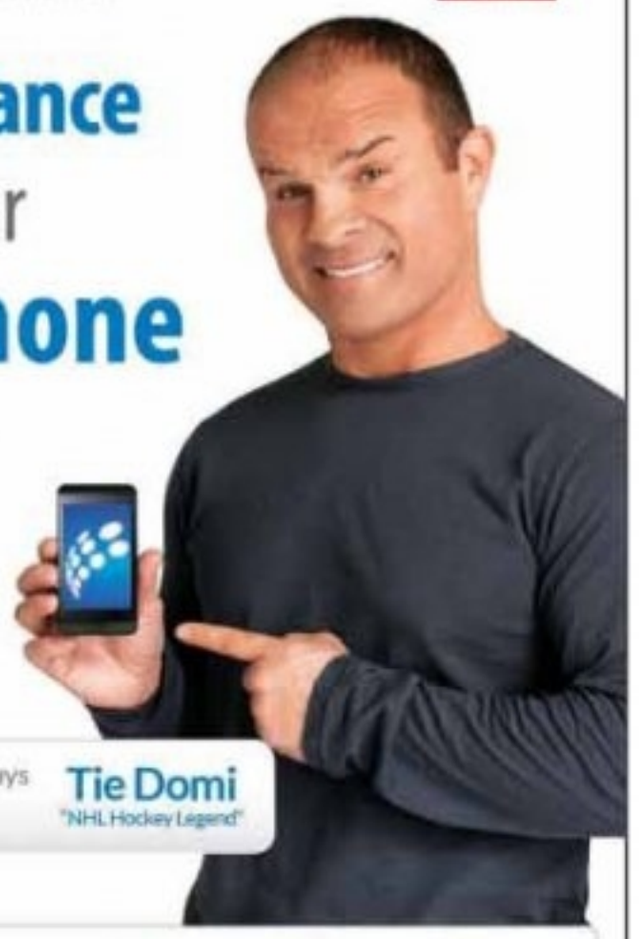
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Online retailer.

Growth issues dog Amazon as it shores up digital beachhead

Amazon.com Inc.'s stock sank 6 percent on Friday as a poor financial outlook revived concerns about whether the company can sustain its torrid pace of expansion while profitability improves.

The world's largest Internet retailer on Thursday reported its highest gross profit margins in a decade as years of spending on high-margin businesses, from digital media to cloud services, began to pay off. But slower revenue growth and a disappointing outlook for this quarter exacerbated uncertainty about its business beyond the United States.

Year-over-year unit growth, which measures the number of items Amazon sells, was 30 percent in the first quarter, down from 49 percent in the first quarter of 2012.

As growth concerns worsen, the company will have trouble justifying its triple-digit price-earnings multiple. Analysts at J.P. Morgan, Credit Suisse and Pacific Crest Securities on Friday lowered their price targets on Amazon shares, citing the top-line deceleration.

REUTERS

Amazon faces a sluggish European economy and has had inconsistent success breaking into emerging markets such as China, where competition from the likes of Alibaba is intense. / GETTY IMAGES

Pyongyang: Forget nuclear war, we have real problems

Soil. Planting season is on the mind of most North Koreans.

North Koreans are busy preparing for planting season while Kim Jong-un continues war talk. / FLICKR

While Kim Jong-un continues war talk, North Koreans are in fact busy preparing for planting season. The state news agency, KCNA, makes much fuss about attacking South Korea and the U.S., but ordinary people in North Korea are more interested in getting the soil prepared.

One resident, Kim, 43, from Kowon, South Hamgyong province, told us, "It is not the first time the regime has declared a war and made a commotion. They will stop.

"They must be so free, playing a war game," he added, commenting on how detached the regime is from people's normal lives.

Another correspondent from inside North Korea told Free NK that, in mid-March, the North Korean regime distributed one week's worth of food and gasoline after it had declared the state of wartime mobilization. Some soldiers, however, managed to sell gasoline in the market, resulting in one liter of gasoline to be traded for 1.3 USD.

Quoted

"It is not the first time the regime has declared a war and made a commotion. They will stop." Kim, 43, from Kowon, South Hamgyong province

A festive mood prevailed in Pyongyang as the regime celebrated, with the foreign guests they have invited, the birthday of Kim Il-sung over the week of April 15. However, many citizens of Pyongyang made an attempt to be excused from the events as they, who live from hand to mouth, cannot afford to miss working hours.

However, culture has rapidly diversified in eating, drinking and playing. American fast-food shops as well as nighttime entertainment centers have opened and almost all men have a mobile phone in Pyongyang. More and more women attempt to follow the latest fashion from South Korea, influenced by [Kim Jong-un's wife] Ri Sol-ju.

This focus by Kim Jong-un on preparing attractions for citizens in Pyongyang can be viewed as an attempt to stabilize his regime through the old Roman practice of "bread and circuses." Often it is said that people in Pyongyang belong to the privileged class; sharing their fate with Kim Jong-un and very different from the vast majority of people whose subsistence level existence leaves little time for leisure pursuits.

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Lawmakers press Obama to help out Syrian rebels

Military. Syria acknowledged for the first time last July that it possessed chemical and biological weapons.

A woman mourns during the funeral of the Syrian refugees who were killed during an explosion in the northern city of Ramtha, which houses hundreds of refugees, in January. / GETTY IMAGES

Republican senators yesterday pressed President Barack Obama to intervene in Syria's civil war, saying America could attack Syrian air bases with missiles but should not send in ground troops.

Pressure is mounting on the White House to do more to help Syrian rebels fighting against the government of President Bashar al-Assad, which the Obama administration last week said had probably used chemical arms in the conflict.

Neutralizing the government forces' air advantage over the rebels "could turn the tide of battle pretty quickly," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham told CBS's "Face the Nation."

"One way you can stop the Syrian air force from flying is to bomb the Syrian air bases with cruise missiles," the South Carolina senator said.

Graham said international action was needed to bring the conflict to a close but "you don't need boots on the ground from the U.S. point of view."

More than 70,000 people have died in Syria's two-year-old civil war. So far, the United States has limited its involvement to providing non-lethal aid to rebels. **REUTERS**

Military. France's foreign firepower threatened by cuts

Explosions echo through a valley in southern France, sending up plumes of smoke as four Caesar self-propelled guns fire at distant targets in drills that mirror operations in Mali.

It's a show of firepower organized by arms manufacturer Nexter to demonstrate the guns to the press and which underlines the role of the army in a conflict that has bolstered France's standing as a nation that can project military force. Yet the message may fall on deaf ears in Paris.

France's $40 billion defense budget, already watered down in recent years, could be on the chopping block as President Francois Hollande seeks savings to offset a groaning deficit and weak economic growth. **REUTERS**

Communications

Iraq watchdog suspends TV for inciting violence

Iraq has suspended the licenses of satellite news network Al Jazeera and nine other channels, accusing them of inciting violence through their coverage of recent sectarian clashes.

The Communication and Media Commission regulator criticized their reporting of violence triggered by a security-forces raid on a Sunni Muslim protest camp in Hawija last Tuesday. **REUTERS**

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Suspects' parents retreat to village, cancel US trip

Bombing. During his interview, Anzor Tsarnaev denied Tamerlan had any contact with militants during his stay.

Anzor Tsarnaev, father of suspected bombers, brothers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, speaks with journalists as mother Zubeidat Tsarnaeva looks at him during a news conference. / GETTY IMAGES

The parents of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects have retreated to a village in southern Russia to seek shelter from the spotlight. They've abandoned plans for now to travel to the United States, the father of the suspects told Reuters yesterday.

Speaking in the garden of a large house, Anzor Tsarnaev said he believed he would not be allowed to see his surviving son Dzhokhar, who was captured and has been charged in connection with the April 15 bomb blasts that killed three people and wounded 264.

"Unfortunately I can't help my child in any way. I am in touch with Dzhokhar's and my own lawyers. They told me they would let me know [what to do]," Tsarnaev said in an interview in the village where he relocated with the suspects' mother.

He agreed to the face-to-face meeting on condition that the village's location in the North Caucasus, a string of mainly Muslim provinces in southern Russia, not be disclosed.

"I am not going back to the United States. For now I am here. I am ill," said Tsarnaev, pacing nervously in the garden at sunset in the quiet village set in rolling hills and surrounded by cow pastures.

His face gaunt and tired, Tsarnaev said he suffered from high blood pressure and a heart condition. REUTERS

College. Court may limit use of race in admission decisions

Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court set the terms for boosting college admissions of African-Americans and other minorities, the court may be about to issue a ruling that could restrict universities' use of race in deciding who is awarded places.

The case before the justices was brought by Abigail Fisher, a white suburban Houston student who asserted she was wrongly rejected by the University of Texas at Austin while minority students with similar grades and test scores were admitted.

The ruling is the only one the court has yet to issue following oral arguments in cases heard in October and November, the opening months of the court's annual term that lasts until the early summer. A decision might come as early as Monday, before the start of a two-week recess. REUTERS

Since 1978, the Supreme Court has been at the center of disputes over when universities may consider applicants' race. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

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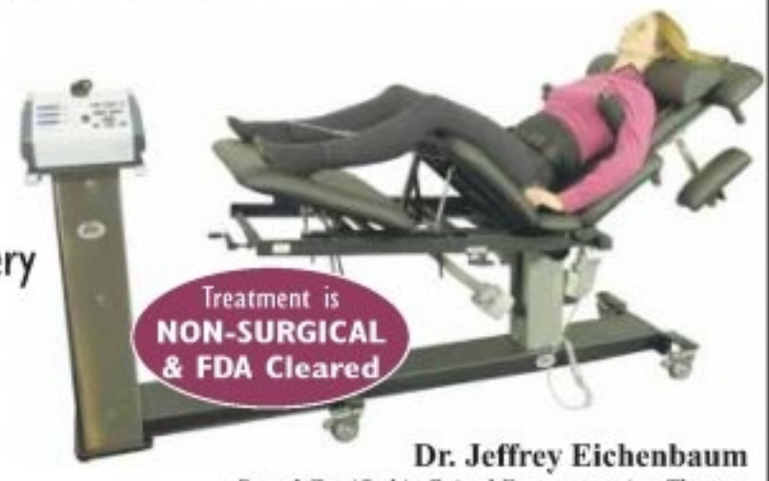

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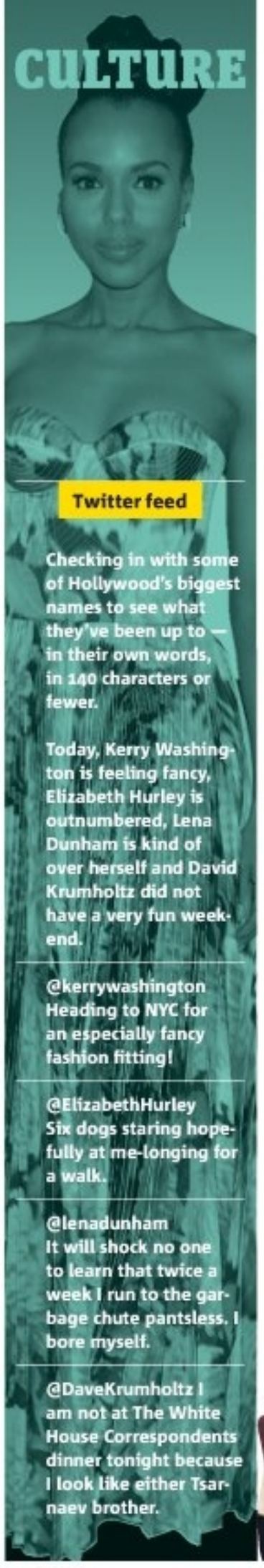

Twitter feed

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Today, Kerry Washington is feeling fancy, Elizabeth Hurley is outnumbered, Lena Dunham is kind of over herself and David Krumholtz did not have a very fun weekend.

@kerrywashington
Heading to NYC for an especially fancy fashion fitting!

@ElizabethHurley
Six dogs staring hopefully at me-longing for a walk.

@lenadunham
It will shock no one to learn that twice a week I run to the garbage chute pantsless. I bore myself.

@DaveKrumholtz I am not at The White House Correspondents dinner tonight because I look like either Tsarnaev brother.

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O'Brien: Don't mess with Boston

As host of Saturday night's White House Correspondents' Dinner, the annual event where journalists and celebrities mix with the Washington elite, host Conan O'Brien made the following amazing observation about his hometown: "It's been said recently that you don't mess with Boston," said the Brookline native and Harvard grad. "As someone who grew up there, I'd like to echo that sentiment. It's really pretty simple: If you're going to pick on a city, don't choose one where nine out of 10 people are related to a cop."

Rose McGowan: Blond ambition

Rose McGowan says her new platinum tresses give her a toughness she hadn't had before. "Part of [going blond] is because I've been told [brunettes] look accessible and pleasing to the men in L.A. so as not to scare them," she says. "But then, I realized, I always scare them, so f— it. I'm just going to do whatever I want."

McGowan is so fierce during our interview, it is hard to believe that the whole point in her talking to me is to promote the limited-edition rose wine, Apothi Rose (pronounced like the flower, hence the hiring of McGowan; get it?). "I only drink Rosé, isn't that funny?" she says.

What's not funny? The current battles of the sexes in Hollywood. "It's all frat guys. The execs and the agents. They are people who went to law school, and it wasn't sexy enough, so they wanted to come have sex with actresses. It's not like they want to be a part of great filmmaking or anything."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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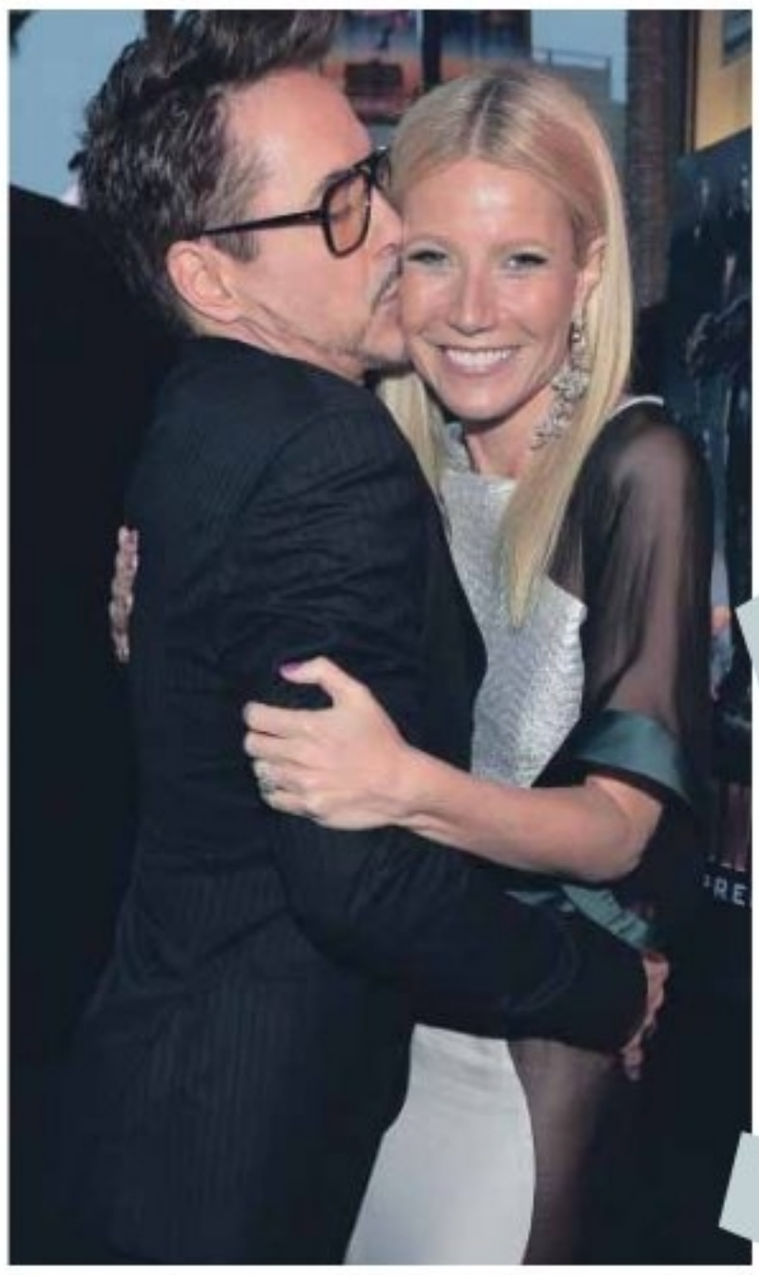

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Dating Martha Stewart?

Martha Stewart once turned to online dating site Match.com to help her find a boyfriend — but she couldn't go through with it. "I started laughing halfway down the page," she tells Matt Lauer in an interview. "It was, like, impossible." But Stewart insists, at least, that if she does go through with an online dating profile, she wouldn't hide her identity. "I want to do my real thing," she says.

I would totally date Martha Stewart, if only for her to re-tile my bathroom after sex.

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Gwyneth Paltrow takes it off — all off

While Gwyneth Paltrow has received high marks from fashionistas for the sheer side panels in the gown she wore to the "Iron Man 3" premiere last week, not everyone was a fan of the underwear-free look. The Oscar-winning actress tells Ellen DeGeneres that she was "humiliated" by the bad press the gown received. "I kind of had a disaster. I was doing a show and I changed there and I went and I couldn't wear underwear," Paltrow says of the decision to rock the look. "Let's just say everyone went scrambling for a razor."

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Creating failure as an artist

Art. The new show at the ICA is curated by Penn freshmen.

Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker's "Fase" is part of the ICA show. / ANNE TERESA DE KEERSMAEKER AND ROSAS

When artist Glenn Ligon welcomed five Penn students into his Brooklyn studio last October, he felt it was just as important for them to see his failures as his successes. "I showed them work that you'll never see," Ligon told a small crowd at the ICA, "things that were about to go into the trash. It's interesting to realize that an artist makes whole bodies of work that just don't work. An artist's process is an intellectual inquiry. It's about making connections and failing sometimes, but those failures lead to other things."

Those five students, all enrolled in Penn's Spiegel Contemporary Art Freshman Seminar, followed the leads suggested by Ligon during that studio visit, resulting in their curation of the ICA's new exhibition "Each One As She May: Ligon, Reich, & De Keersmaeker."

Penn professor Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw and ICA curatorial fellow Jennifer Burris designed the yearlong seminar to engage with Ligon's 1998 ICA exhibition "Unbecoming." The artist wasn't sure what to expect when the students — Alina Grabowski, Chloe Kaufman, Andrew McHarg, Vincent Snagg, and Iris-Louise Williamson — made their visit. "I didn't know anything as a freshman," he said. "I was painting still lifes. But when they came to the studio, I realized that the questions they were asking and the research they had done about my work was really thorough and interesting."

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The ICA show deals with influences and echoes, as one artist's work inspires or communicates with another, in this case in the work of three artists intrigued by repetition: Ligon, composer Steve Reich, and choreographer Anna Teresa De Keersmaeker.

Quoted

"An artist's process is an intellectual inquiry, it's about making connections and failing sometimes, but those failures lead to other things."

Glenn Ligon

Ligon's coal dust and oil stick studies for "Negro Sunshine" feature that phrase (taken from Gertrude Stein's story "Melanctha") stenciled repeatedly until it blurs into a dense abstraction. The piece was the result of exactly the sort of failure he'd spoken to the students about.

"I was trying to make very perfect letters with oil paint and plastic letter stencils," Ligon explained. "And after a frustrating six months, I realized that oil paint and plastic stencils don't make perfect letters. And that's actually more interesting than what I was trying to do. That smearing and smudging and disappearance of text through the act of stenciling with this material that doesn't want to stay solid and whole was what the work was about."

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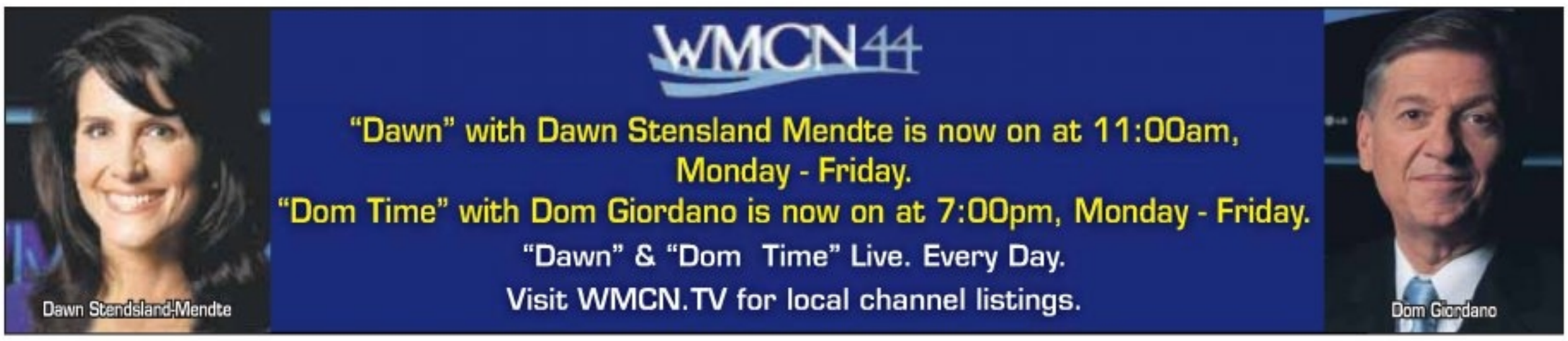
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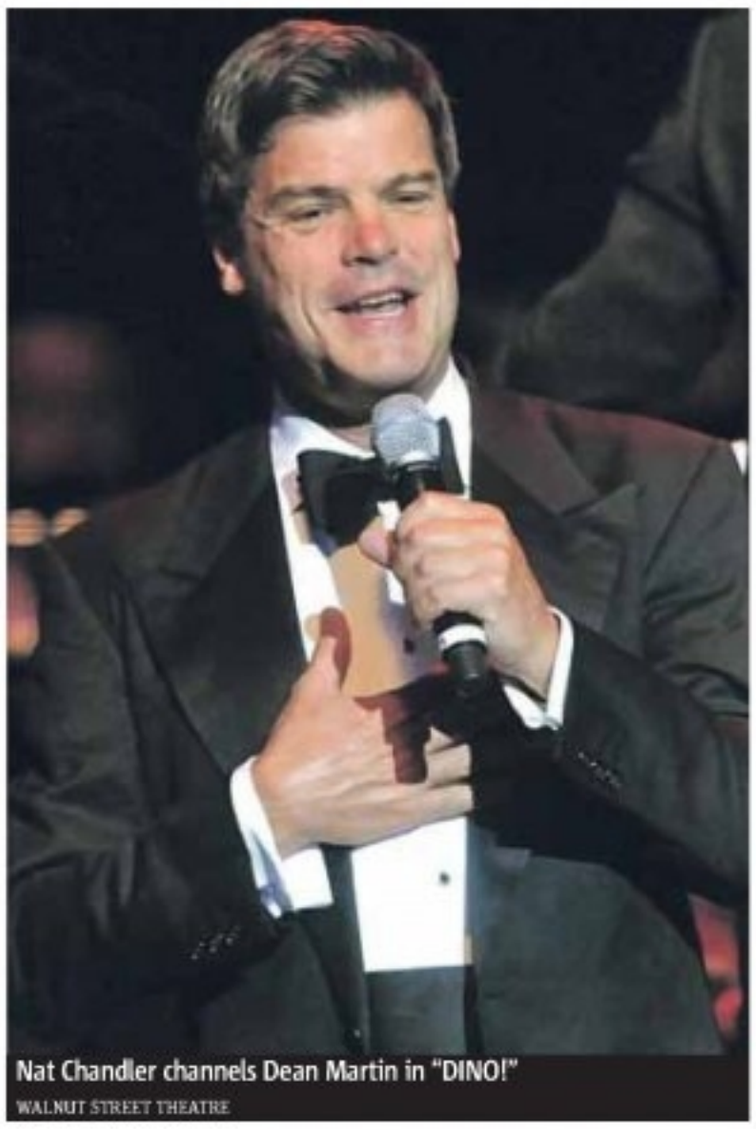
Nat Chandler channels Dean Martin in "DINO!"
WALNUT STREET THEATRE

Theater. Local playwright imagines the crooner is stuck in Cherry Hill.

"Memories are made of this," sang Dean Martin, star of stage, screen and song.

A local playwright's memories of Martin are the foundation for the new show "DINO! An Evening with Dean Martin at the Latin Casino," which previews tomorrow at Walnut Street Theatre.

The action takes place on the stage of the Latin Casino in Cherry Hill with Martin and a pianist. The rest of the band is stuck elsewhere in the midst of the Blizzard of '78.

"This event I kind of imagined in order to fit this idea that interested me," says South Philly playwright Armen Pandola, who brought "The Prince" to the Walnut in 2010. "So many people like him have to reinvent themselves. When people become famous, there's a public version of themselves and a private version. Martin was a very private person for such a huge star."

In 1947, he teamed with comedian Jerry Lewis in Atlantic City to become the biggest showbiz draw of the era.

"They were huge," Pandola says. "When they played the Paramount in New York, they broke records that were set by Sinatra."

When Martin and Lewis broke up in 1956, the news rocked the nation. Martin was considered the lesser of the two talents, but he thrived out of Lewis' shadow as a singing star ("That's Amore", "Everybody Loves Somebody") and a movie star ("The Young Lions," "Rio Bravo").

Along the way, Martin's public persona of the urbane ladies' man with a penchant for drink was created. His Las Vegas appearances with the Rat Pack — Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop — cemented the image. In later years, the guise became a bit more boozy and womanizing on "The Dean Martin Show," which ran from 1965 to 1974 on NBC.

It was all an act.

"The one thing I try to get into is the side of Martin where he was kind of a brooding guy. He had things in his life her regretted," Pandola says. "He loved kids, he loved his children, and he was a devoted husband."

So there was more to Martin than meets the eye.

"What interested me about the guy is that, like so many people I grew up with in South Philly, he's the child of immigrant parents," says Pandola of Martin, who was born Dino Crocetti in Ohio. "He had one foot in the old world and one foot in the new world."

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Box office. The "Transformers" director is again on top of the charts.

Dwayne Johnson, Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Mackie strut through box office champ "Pain & Gain."
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Mark Wahlberg's dark comedy "Pain & Gain" brought enough box office muscle to knock Tom Cruise out of the No. 1 spot on movie charts in the United States and Canada.

"Pain & Gain" took in $20 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters over its first three days, according to studio estimates released on Sunday. Cruise's sci-fi thriller "Oblivion" slipped to second place with $17.4 million.

"Iron Man 3" hauled in $195.3 million in 42 international markets, distributor Walt Disney Co. said, a total that surpassed the international opening of "The Avengers." The movie arrives in the United States and Canada on Friday to kick off Hollywood's lucrative summer blockbuster season.

Receipts for "Pain & Gain" beat pre-weekend forecasts for a debut of at least $15 million. The film is based on the real-life story of Miami bodybuilders who kidnap a wealthy deli owner and plan to steal his fortune. When their plot goes awry, the criminals scramble to escape being caught.

"Oblivion," a post-apocalyptic drama about the last humans on Earth, brought its two-week total in North America to $64.7 million. Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures estimated international sales through Sunday at $134.1 million, bringing the film's worldwide total to $198.8 million.

Baseball drama "42," about Jackie Robinson's debut as Major League Baseball's first black player, finished in third place with $10.7 million domestically.

In fourth place, new romantic comedy "The Big Wedding" earned $7.5 million. Despite a big-name cast including Robert De Niro, Susan Sarandon and Katherine Heigl, the movie was ravaged by critics.

North American ticket sales for all movies this year reached nearly $2.9 billion, running 11.8 percent behind sales at the same point in 2012, according to the box office division of Hollywood.com. **REUTERS**

TV watch list

COMEDY

'How I Met Your Mother'

For Barney's bachelor party, expect a reliance on long-running strip-club and single-dude jokes. **8 P.M., CBS**

DRAMA

'The Following'

This psychological thriller starring Kevin Bacon gives the "Six Degrees" game more actors to work with. Like James Purefoy!
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COMEDY

'Mike and Molly'

M and M want to try a new hobby before becoming parents, so they take roller skating for a spin.
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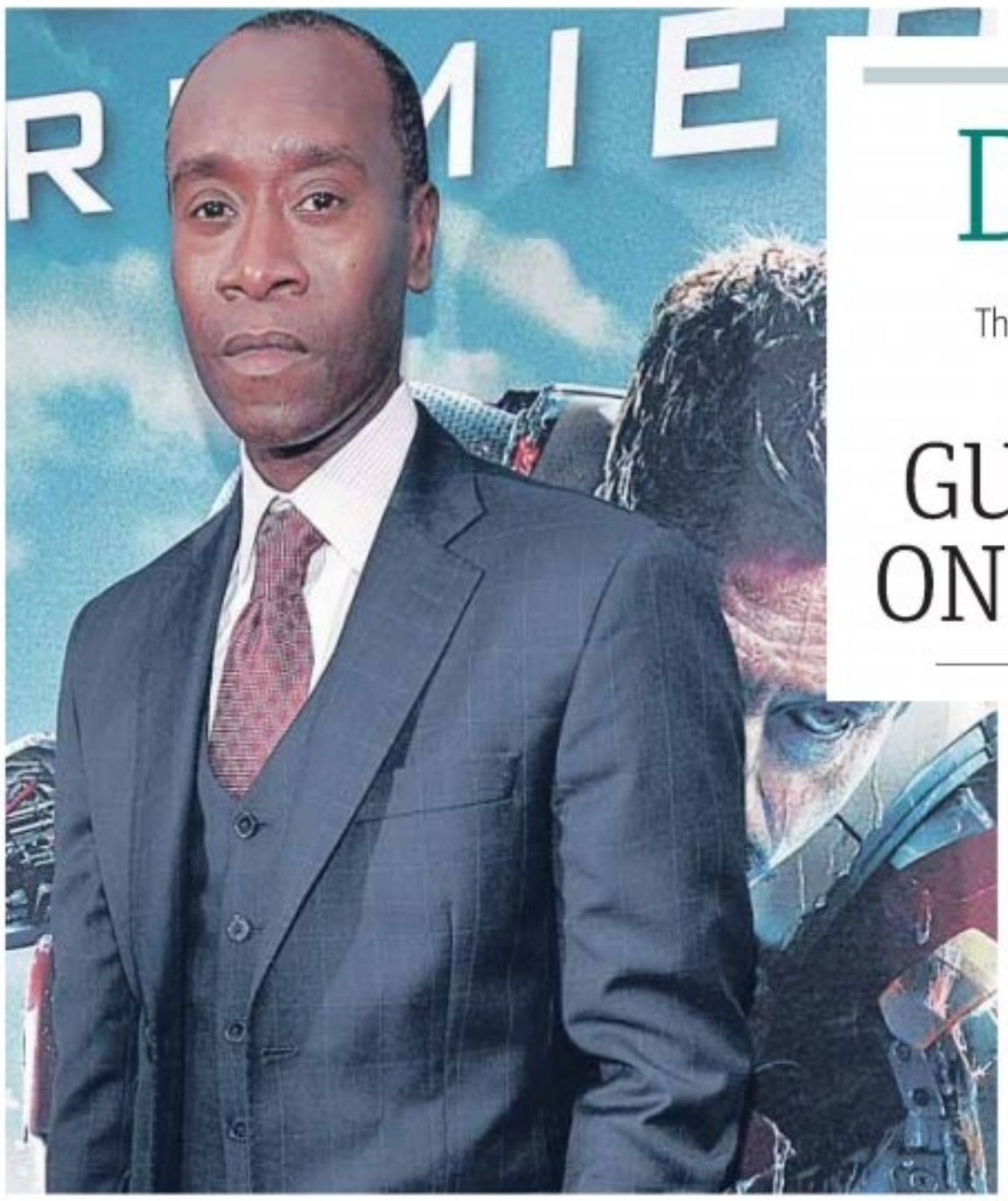

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DON CHEADLE

The actor talks about filming one of the biggest superhero franchises and going joke for joke with Robert Downey Jr.

GUNNING FOR HIS SPOT ON THE AVENGERS TEAM

Don Cheadle has been on a pretty intense world tour for "Iron Man 3," and it's beginning to wear on him. "I'm beat, but you know. It's the home stretch," he offers with a shrug as we sit down to start our interview. That home stretch, by the way, is nothing to sneeze at: "We leave Thursday for New York, Toronto, it just goes on," he says. But when you're promoting one of the biggest superhero franchises on the planet — playing James "Rhodey" Rhodes, who suits up as Iron Man's government-sanctioned counterpart Iron Patriot — this kind of schedule is par for the course.

With a movie this size, I guess it's what you signed up for.
Yeah, you forget that. It's like having a baby for a woman, you know. If I could remember this every time I did a movie, I'd probably just quit. [Laughs]

How was it different for you as an actor having Shane Black directing compared to Jon Favreau?
Well, having Shane be the writer of the piece, there's a lot more of a shorthand, a lot quicker sort of availability to the writer when we're going over the scenes and going through the scenes. There's a lot of improv that happens, but the improv is in sort of a controlled

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playground. It's been mentioned that I really should show up in "The Avengers" at some point.

Who mentioned that?
Oh wait, me. [Laughs] The movies, the family of Marvel movies, have been faithful to their own mythology, not necessarily to what the comic book dictates. You know, in the comic book Rhodey is in the Marines, Iron Patriot is a completely different character. So there's a contained sort of mythology that the movies answer to, and that's something that Marvel is continuously creating. So yeah, he might show up, I don't know. I'd be down for it.

Is there anything you can do to lobby for that?
No, but you can get on it. Just park yourself outside of [Marvel Studio head] Kevin Feige's house.

I'm sure that will go over very well.
Well, get your friends. Don't just do it by yourself. That's not enough. That's weird.

How does the balance between making your TV show, "House of Lies," and your film work?
It's great. I mean, the show is a blitzkrieg when we're doing it. It's three months and we're shooting an episode per five days, which is really, really fast. But it's a testament to the production team behind us and our director, Stephen Hopkins, the writers and the network as well, that we're able to get through it. And it's three months out of the year, so it's pretty self-contained, and then I have the rest of the year to do the other things. I have a production company that's pretty healthy right now — we're doing a lot of stuff with them. And I try to get in some family time and rest and all that. I have a daughter on her way to college, so that's cool. So I'm pretty happy; it's been a nice balance so far.

And how much time does that leave to camp outside Kevin Feige's house?
That's what you're going to do. You have to ask yourself that question. Get on it, it's important.

Maybe this is brilliant marketing on Showtime's part, or maybe I just have a simple brain, but I can't drive past the L.A. diner House of Pies without thinking of your show.
It's your brain. [Laughs] Now, that would be marketing. I should just buy the franchise.

Don Cheadle is the Iron Patriot in "Iron Man 3." / MARVEL

Quoted

"There's a lot of improv that happens, but the improv is in sort of a controlled playground." Cheadle

Q&A

Hangin' with Downey Jr.

The humor level in this one seems amped up, especially between you and Robert Downey Jr.
There's more of it. I think if you look at the second movie, when we're in the Japanese garden at the end, you kind of see where it's headed. You see us starting that whole process at that point, and I think this is just sort of the further culmination of that. And I think there's more that could be mined, and we'll see if there's anything that's going to happen afterward. But yeah, it was nice to have the opportunity to really find some more colors in their relationship.

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Tech N9ne won't be defined

Music. The rapper brings his lyrical stylings to the TLA.

Type the name Tech N9ne into Pandora and prepare to be transported to a rap wonderland, a place where Cheshire cats spit lyrics.

The station is a cornucopia of lyrical stylings, drawing on everything from Midwest rap to The Doors. It's what we've come to know and expect from Tech N9ne, the rapper who refuses to be defined.

"Before I went independent, they had no idea what I was," says Tech N9ne, whose real name is Aaron Dontez Yates. "It's hip-hop, it's gangsta, it's rock, it's everything. It's kind of hard to see what you're going to start with every time if you go on my Pandora — it's Eminem and Ludacris all the time, lyrical guys. I don't know, but Pandora puts me with insane lyricists, so I like that."

Yates' refusal to be pigeonholed hurt him early in his career, as major record labels struggled to characterize him. Seeing the graffiti on the wall, he aborted that mission and launched his own label, Strange Music, in 1999. The company, founded by Yates and his partner, Travis O'Guin, started out in a basement. Now they have multiple buildings, with plans for a studio.

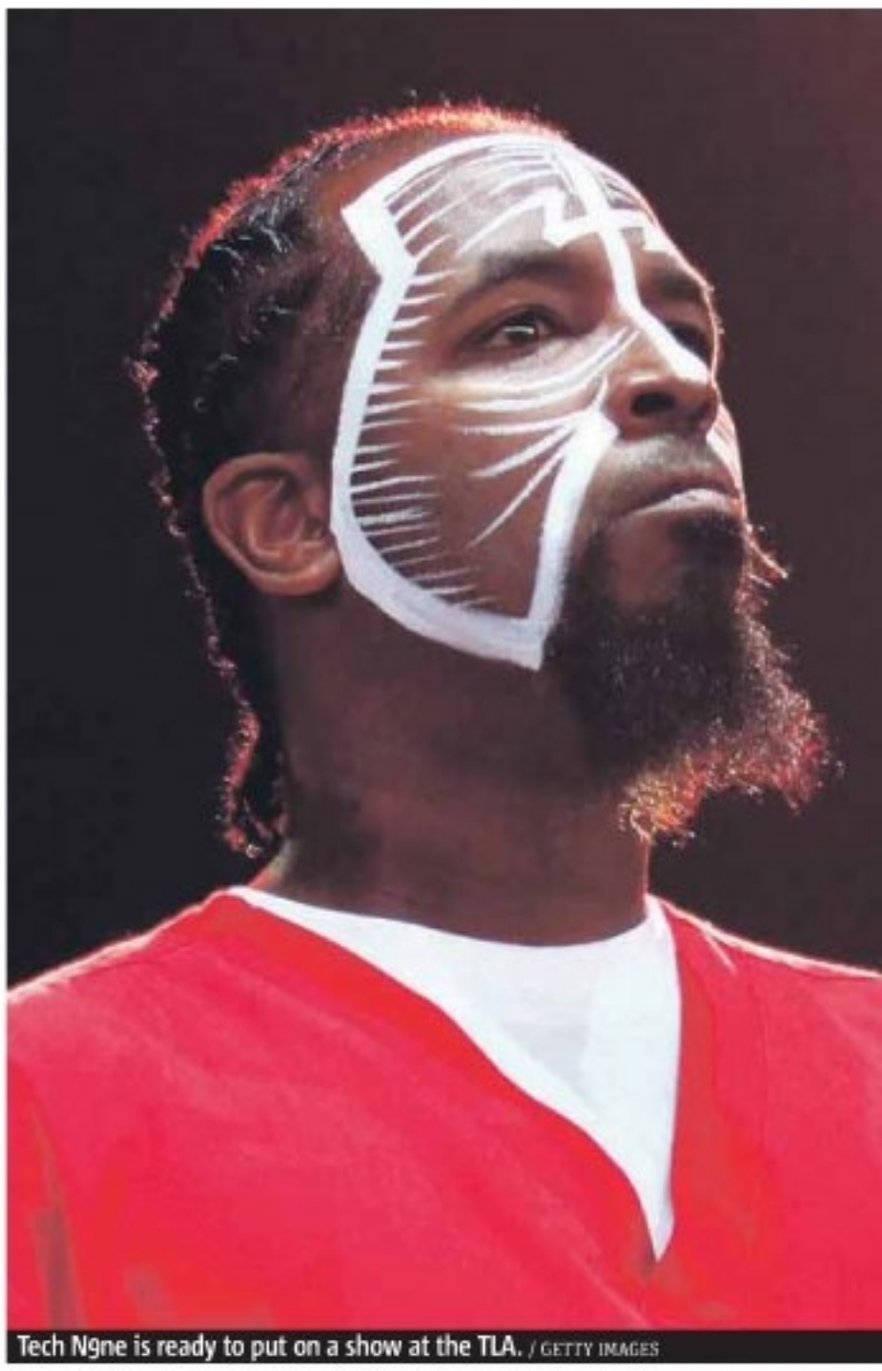
"I never thought we would outgrow the first big empire we built," Yates says. "It's hard using your own money to build things, but obviously it was meant to happen, because it's working and we're still on the incline this far in, 14 years in, and we're still building."

The rapper's Independent Powerhouse Tour 2013 hits the Theatre of Living Arts on South Street tomorrow night in what promises to be organized chaos — imagine "Pulp Fiction," the musical. Joining him on stage will be up-and-comers Brotha Lynch Hung, Krizz Kaliko, Kutt Calhoun, Rittz and Ces Cru.

Quoted

"I'm sure people have heard rumors that it's one of the best shows in hip-hop. It's wild, it's mild. It's glad, it's sad. It's rock 'n' roll, it's R&B. It's sentimental, it's instrumental."

Tech N9ne aka Aaron Dontez Yates



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Philadelphia will be stop No. 35 on the tour, which is scheduled to hit 55 different cities. That's nothing for Yates, who broke the hip-hop record last year when he did 90 shows in 99 days.

"Nothing's grueling anymore [after that]," he says.

"This is our habitat, keep in mind, that the 90 shows in 99 days … we actually did 96 shows in 105 days."

Yates stays true to his loyal fan base, too. Technicians, as the hardcores are known, pay up to $150 for VIP packages on tour dates. From 3-4 p.m. – or for as long as it takes – Tech and his crew sign autographs and shake hands with everyone in line.

"It's wonderful, man," he says. "You stay until [you meet] the very last person that paid to see you perform in the show."

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'Something else'

Dishing on his new album

Yates is an open book when discussing his lyrical stylings and musical influences. But when the topic turns to his forthcoming album, "Something Else," he becomes a little guarded. There have been rumors of collaborations with System of a Down, DMX, Rick Ross, Macklemore and Jay-Z.

Yates, confessing that he got in trouble for leaking too much during a recent interview on Fuse TV, would only confirm one guest appearance.

"Serj [Tankian], from System of a Down," he says. "Serj don't work with anybody. He's unleashing a monster for my album."

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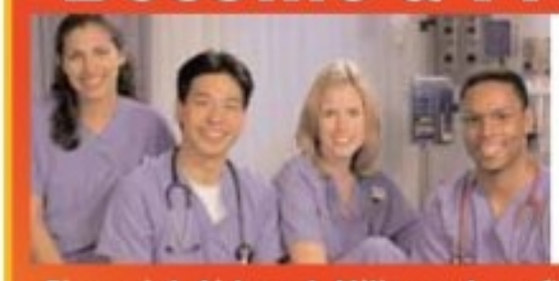
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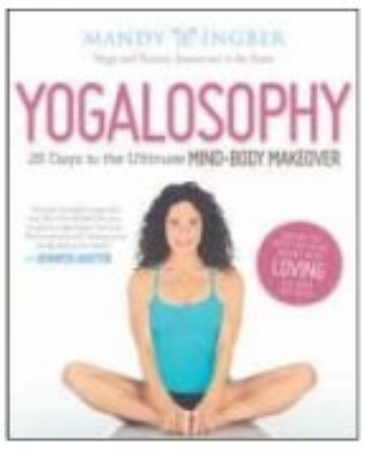
Need to detox?

Yoga. Jennifer Aniston's trainer shows us how.

After a nacho-filled weekend in Cabo or one too many cocktails at dinner, it can be tempting to hit the juicer to detox. But did you ever think that a yoga routine might have the same cleansing effect? Mandy Ingber, who has sculpted the bodies of Jennifer Aniston and Kate Beckinsale, says that detoxing doesn't have to be all about what you put into your body — what you put into your mind is just as important.



"When you abstain from old, self-defeating talk and replace it with positive self-talk, your body chemistry changes, making you feel lighter and happier. When we reprogram ourselves this way, we come from a happy and satisfied place of gratitude and make healthier, self-loving choices. Believe me, I have tried whipping myself into shape, and I have adopted the positive approach that I use now. This has given me consistency and allowed my body to fall into place effortlessly, as if it happened all by itself."

Ingber created this cleansing yoga routine to help clear up any funkiness going on inside ("Twists literally wring the toxins out of the body," she says.) Start with some meditation on all the good your body can do, and check out more detoxing moves in the pages of her book.

Quoted

"Let's get one thing straight: Even at your worst, you are not unclean or toxic."

Excerpt from "Yogalosophy: 28 Days to the Ultimate Mind-Body Makeover" by Mandy Ingber, published by Seal Press, a member of the Perseus Books Group.

Twisting lunge

Step your right foot forward between your hands and come up onto the ball of your left foot as you press your heel back. Try to straighten the left leg. Bring your left hand to the floor on the inside of your right foot. Twist your right arm up toward the ceiling and look up. Make sure your spine is extending from the tailbone through the crown of your head.

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2 Chair and chair twist

With feet together, bend both knees and sit your hips back into an imaginary chair. Extend your arms up toward the ceiling, tuck your tailbone and use your core to lift your body away from the thighs. Bring your palms to a prayer position and hook the left elbow on the right knee. Press your palms together. Look up toward the ceiling. After holding for five breaths, unwind your body and go to downward-facing dog. Repeat the sequence on the opposite side before transitioning to the next pose.

3 Three-legged downward-facing dog

Come to your hands and feet, with your hands shoulder-width apart and your feet about hip-width apart. Press your heels down as you lift your hips up. Shift your body weight forward to your hands as you draw your right knee in toward your forehead. Engage your abs as you hold for five breaths.

4 Seated Twist

Bend your left knee on the floor in front of you. Cross your right leg over to bring your right foot to the outside of the left knee. Hook your left elbow on the outside of the right knee and press your right hand into the floor near the base of your spine. Inhale as you extend your spine up, then exhale as you twist back. Repeat on other side.

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5 Reclining twist

Lying down on the floor, extend your arms out to the sides and bring your right foot on top of the left thigh. Slowly lower the right knee toward the left and look over your right shoulder. Relax into this twist. Repeat on other side.

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The new power behind US energy policy

Bordoff hopes that a multi-disciplinary approach to energy policy will make change easier. / FOTOLINE RF

Going global. Columbia University brings in A-list brainpower to rethink energy.

After four years at the White House, serving as a special assistant to President Barack Obama on climate change and energy policy, Jason Bordoff has decided to dodge the burnout of the political machine and lead Columbia University in rethinking energy policy. The Center on Global Energy Policy launched this month, so we asked Bordoff about his plans.

What is the larger goal of the center?
When I was in my job in Washington, there were policy issues that would hit your desk that you had to figure out by the end of the day. You didn't have time to really do deep analysis. You'd see some study funded by one industry, one study by another industry. We hope to be an objective, trusted source of analysis to help people understand.

You say the center is going to take a multi-disciplinary approach. What do you mean by that?
What makes energy so interesting to me is that you have to combine economics and environment, national security and science. Part of what's great about Columbia is being able to reach out to economics, science and global centers around the world that will bring people into the center. We plan to commission work from experts around the world on various topics. It's a local issue and a global security issue.

What will students gain from the center?
The center will help educate and engage students by allowing them to produce research, work with some of the fellows we bring in and develop papers. I think it's a good way for students to work on real, tangible issues.

Jason Bordoff / PROVIDED

Hydraulic fracturing is a huge part of energy policy now. How will you address it?
It's not going to be about whether fracking is good or bad — it's about helping people understand how the world is changing and what that means. There are significant, important geopolitical implications to energy policy. We will try to be very balanced and explain what is happening, advise on policy and see how the world of energy policy can match the rapid changes in the global energy landscape.

How will this research be used?
Sometimes academic papers sit on the shelf and they're rigorous and analytic but not as useful. Policy workers need useful research so they can read things quickly and really tackle how you fix energy problems.

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Myth-busting Africa

Professor Brandon D. Lundy believes the U.S. needs to rethink how the African continent is discussed in schools. / PROVIDED

Innovation. A group of professors are trying to change the way students study Africa in college.

When Brandon D. Lundy arrived at Kennesaw State University a few years ago, he quickly convened a faculty panel to investigate ways of incorporating the study of Africa into existing curricula.

"We started looking for materials, and we discovered that there just weren't many good resources out there, especially when it came to teaching," says Lundy.

Soon, Lundy and fellow KSU professor Solomon Negash set out to create a unique textbook, one that included a plethora of strategies for bringing Africa into the classroom. At the same time, they wanted to dispel entrenched myths and stereotypes among faculty and students alike. The result — "Teaching Africa: A Guide for the 21st-Century Classroom" — will be released in May by Indiana University Press.

"Often what we find in the classroom is that people have a very superficial understanding of certain things on the continent of Africa — more so than in other regions of the world," says Lundy. "I think a good place to start is understanding that there's no such thing as a single Africa. My perspective is based on my experience in [Portuguese speaking] West Africa, but we were intent on including multiple perspectives from many different regions – including from researchers who come from Africa."

"Teaching Africa" includes nearly 30 authors from a wide swath of American academia — from Harvard to Sonoma University and many points in between.

"We have chapters on technology, dance, STEM and all different themes throughout the book," says Lundy. "So we're hoping this can be incorporated into a number of different classrooms, not just the straightforward African studies class."

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The beginnings

Considering how the U.S. thinks about Africa

"Teaching Africa" was, at least in part, inspired by Curtis Kiem's seminal anthropological book, "Mistaking Africa: Curiosities and Inventions of the American Mind." In it, Kiem examined the way in which Africa is presented in popular U.S. media and its effects on perceptions.

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EDUCATION TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT

Will there be changes to affirmative action? Colleges keep watch

The Supreme Court is considering a case that may change affirmative action nationwide. / GETTY IMAGES

Diversity. A case in Texas could change affirmative action nationwide.

Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court set the terms for boosting college admissions of African-Americans and other minorities, the court may be about to issue a ruling that could restrict universities' use of race in deciding who is awarded a spot.

The case before the justices was brought by Abigail Fisher, a white suburban Houston student who asserts she was wrongly rejected by the University of Texas at Austin while minority students with similar grades and test scores were admitted.

The ruling is the only one the court has yet to issue following oral arguments in cases heard in October and November, the opening months of the court's annual term which lasts until the early summer. A decision may come as early as today, before the start of a two-week recess.

As hard as it is to predict when a ruling will be announced, it is more difficult to say how it might change the law. Still, even a small move in the Texas case could mark the beginning of a new chapter limiting college administrators' discretion in using race in deciding on admissions.

For decades, dating back at least to the John F. Kennedy administration of the 1960s, leaders have struggled with what "affirmative action" should be taken to help minorities. In the early years, it was seen as a way to remedy racial prejudice and discrimination; in recent decades, it's a way to bring diversity to campuses and workplaces.

Since 1978, the Supreme Court has been at the center of disputes over when universities may consider applicants' race. In that year's groundbreaking decision involving a University of California medical school, the justices forbade quotas but said schools could weigh race with other factors.

In another seminal case, the court in 2003 affirmed the use of race in admissions to create diversity in colleges.

Marvin Krislov, now president of Oberlin College in Ohio and a past vice president of the University of Michigan, says that university administrators are concerned about how broadly the ruling may sweep and whether it will reduce the number of minority students.

"Colleges and universities care deeply about student body diversity," he says, adding of his colleagues in higher education: "We're all watching and waiting."

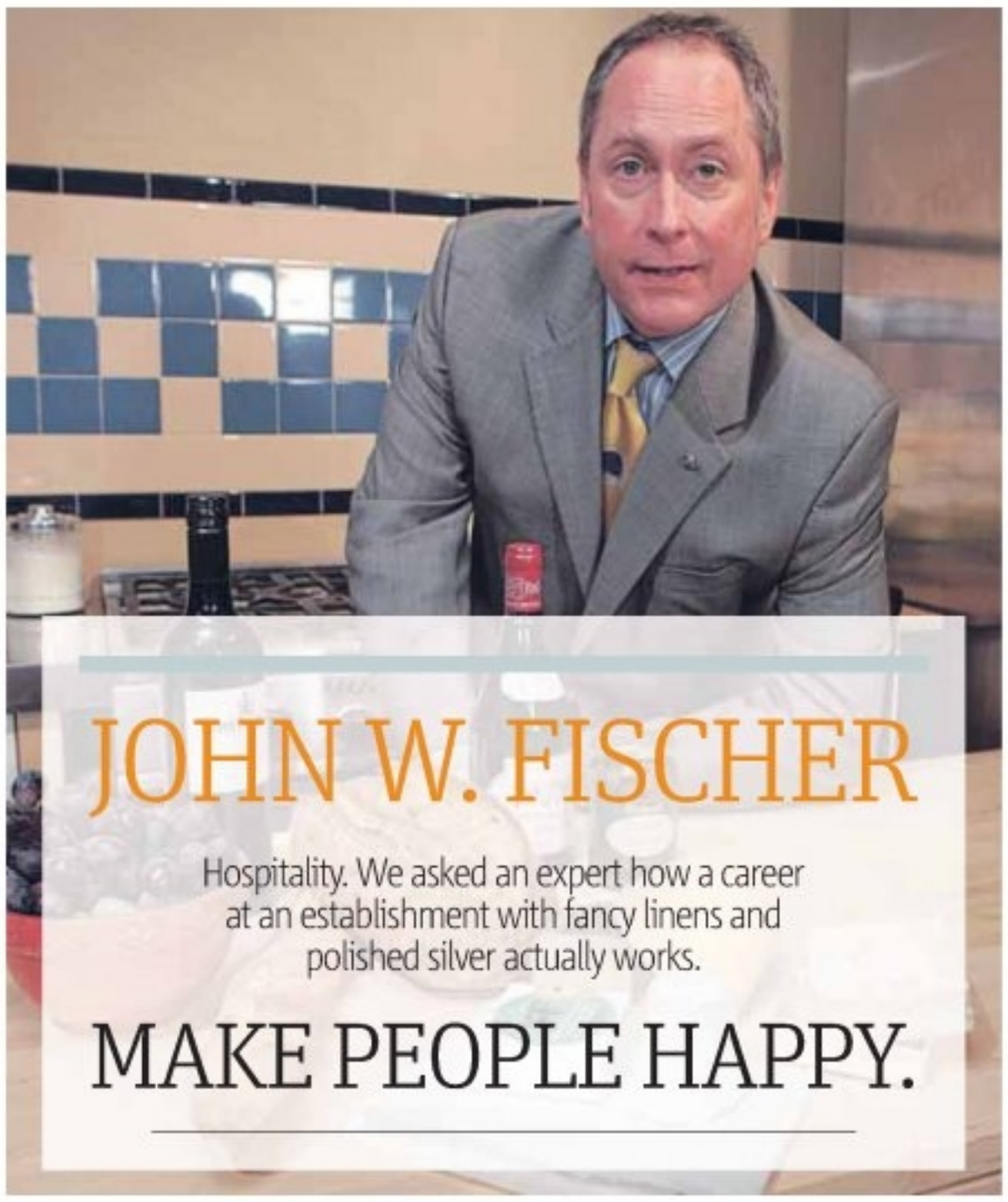
Once oral arguments are held, the court's deliberations on a case are shrouded in secrecy. The timing of a decision is not known in advance. Racial dilemmas have never been easy for the court, a point underscored by the current delay. REUTERS

Quoted

"The court seems to have been leaning away from allowing affirmative action for some time. If they close the door, that potentially is a very big deal."

University of Virginia law professor John Jeffries

The University of Texas at Austin is at the center of a case that could change affirmative action legislation. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS


JOHN W. FISCHER
Hospitality. We asked an expert how a career at an establishment with fancy linens and polished silver actually works.
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John W. Fischer is a professor of hospitality and service management at The Culinary Institute of America — New York. Over nearly 30 years, he has worked as a captain, manager, wine director, and front waiter at some of the most famous fine dining locations in New York City.

What skills are required for waiting tables in fine dining?
You have to want to serve people. That sounds easier than it is. If — on a really fundamental level — you don't get satisfaction from making other people happy, it's wrong for you to try it as a career. Secondly, you've got to have a laser-like focus. You have to switch from task to task very quickly.

How do you spot a good restaurant to work for?
Of course, the reputation on the street is good to know. But take it with several pounds of salt, because hell hath no fury like a waiter scorned. Is it one person saying negative things, or several? Once you meet the people hiring you, take notice of how you feel around them. Do you get a creepy feeling? Do you enjoy talking to them? Working with people under stressful situations can be taxing and it's better if you actually like each other. Also, if they offer you a ton of money that's out of line with other restaurants like them, that probably means they're a pain to work for.

So how do you break in?
A good strategy is to identify the fine dining companies that also own more casual establishments. You can start in the casual location and move up to fine dining. But I think that if you're smart and nice and hardworking, you can go to many great restaurants and say, "I will do whatever you need me to do, so I can work here and get better." If you're prepared to start by washing dishes, that kind of desire is very attractive to people in this business.

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Ranking

Captain of the table

In fine dining parlance, the waiter is the captain who builds a relationship with the guest. That person is usually assisted by a "front" and a "back" waiter. In many restaurants, the front waiter is considered higher in rank than the back waiter.

Careers in fine dining can have a lot of upward mobility for people willing to work in other parts of the restaurant. / GETTY IMAGES

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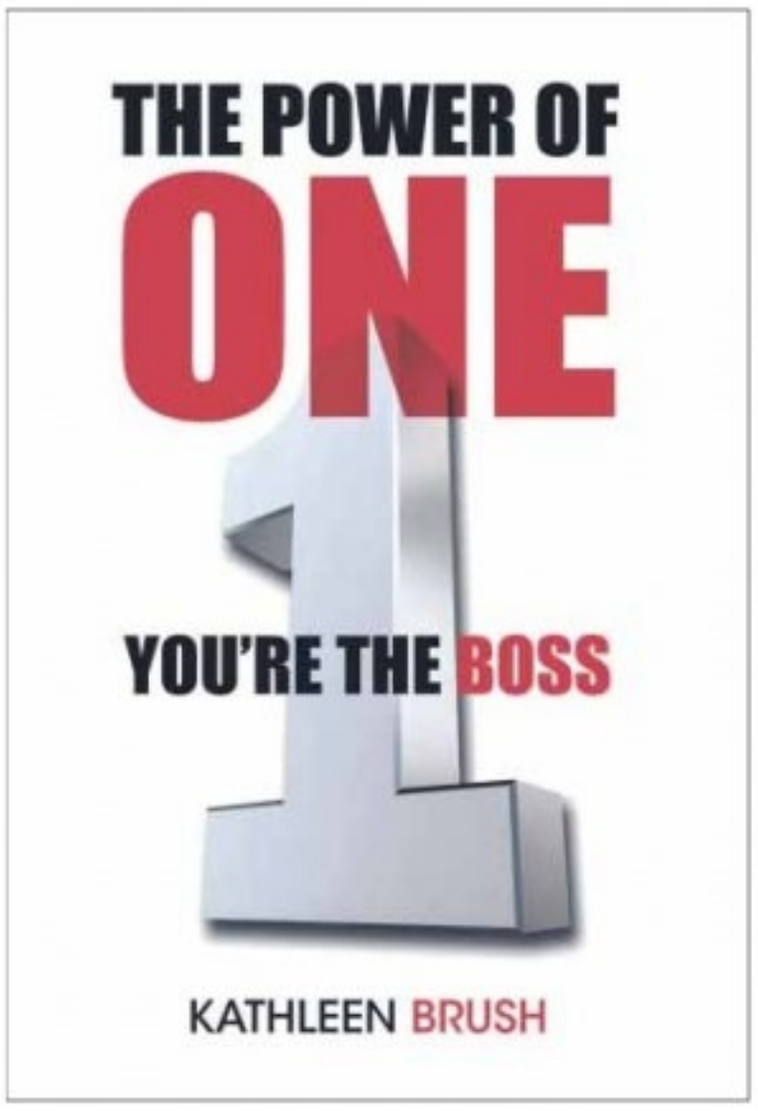

Big boss. In her book "The Power of One," Kathleen Brush explores her tough-as-nails philosophy of leadership.

Everyone seems to have an opinion on what it takes to be a successful leader, but Kathleen Brush wrote the book on it. The author spent years as a turn-around consultant, helping failing companies find their core issues and resolve them. We caught up with Brush to chat about "The Power of One: You're the Boss," her how-to on being the boss.

You book has some strong scenarios of poor leadership. Did you witness this behavior first hand?
Yes, most definitely. I didn't have to conjure up any examples. It's funny, I often hear people say, 'You could have inserted my name in any anecdote, I do the same thing and I didn't even realize.'

So you saw many of the same problems surfacing at various companies?
Sure, if you want to look at general problems. The particulars can be distinct. Often, though, companies forget that they need to re-invent themselves. When they lack strong leadership, it can be devastating to progress.

Isn't that the core idea of your book?
It is, without question. I'm trying to address a problem I see everywhere: Talented people who get into leadership because they're a good account person, for example, but they're lacking as a boss.

Your book says that being the boss means being straightforward with employees, which is difficult for many people. What advice do you have for better communication?
I counsel people on this all the time because they're afraid to tell people they're not doing a good job. I tell them to put themselves in the employee's shoes. People want to know if they're not doing a good job and the company is in trouble. People want to do a good job. When delivered correctly, employees won't feel like they're in trouble — they'll feel like they're being coached.

Kathleen Brush has spent 20 years showing failing companies how to turn things around. / GAIL WOIZIN

So how can people get it right?
I tell people to put their coach hat on, not the big, bad boss hat. These managers come back and say it was a great experience. The one thing I really want people to understand is that to be successful as a boss, you can't be the person you always disliked. You can't be the jerk boss. Be the boss that people like and respect.

What is the No. 1 thing you want people to take from the book?
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Horoscope

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your optimistic disposition makes you a force to be reckoned with. Anybody who tries to upstage you is destined for second place.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Your detective abilities will be unusually sharp. If you happen to be working on something that calls for fact-finding, success is inevitable.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The secret to dealing with others successfully is to make each and every person feel special.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. As long as your goals are well defined, you shouldn't have any problems fulfilling them.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You are apt to do better than most in matters that involve elements of chance. Your luck will be running high, so put it to use.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Make a goal you've been striving hard to attain your primary focus. It can easily become a reality.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. This could be a productive day for you. You're even capable of juggling several jobs simultaneously.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You're likely to be lucky, especially in your financial affairs. Focus on money matters.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Let the adage "If you want something done right, do it yourself" govern your actions. Don't delegate work today.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Something you want badly is closer than you think. Don't allow setbacks to discourage you.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Your friends will have an enormous influence over your outlook and attitude. Choose companions who have lots of positive mental and physical energy.

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. You shouldn't have trouble advancing your prestige and profits. Strike while the stars are in alignment.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Vote to end stop-and-frisk in November

We have not condemned Catholics for the actions of a few degenerate priests, or Italians for a few in organized crime or gun owners for a few crazed shooters.

However, in New York City, we have leaders who condone a stop-and-frisk policy that denigrates citizens because of the color of their skin, a strategy that disparages our reputation for diversity. Harassing people based on race is no better than harassing people forced to wear a Star of David. Voters can end this heinous policy with their choice for mayor in November.

GLENN HAYES, VIA EMAIL

Kelly acting like a reality TV host

After the two perpetrators of the human tragedy in Boston were neutralized by Massachusetts and federal law enforcement, Ray Kelly wanted to jump on the bandwagon and get his kisser on the 6:00 news.

The events in Boston were anomalies. New York needs a police chief who is interested in the well-being of all New Yorkers, not a reality TV host.

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31 Gold Medal org.
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60 Do a fall chore
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63 Sour pickle
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2 Old Norse poem
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6 British FBI
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12 Drizzles
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27 Quark's home
28 Petty or Loughlin
29 Actor Lee J. –
30 Switch positions
34 Legal rep.
35 Domineering
36 Volcanic emission
37 Long hike
38 Refute
40 Water or oil
41 Old oath
43 Humorous Ogden
44 Make void
45 Leap over
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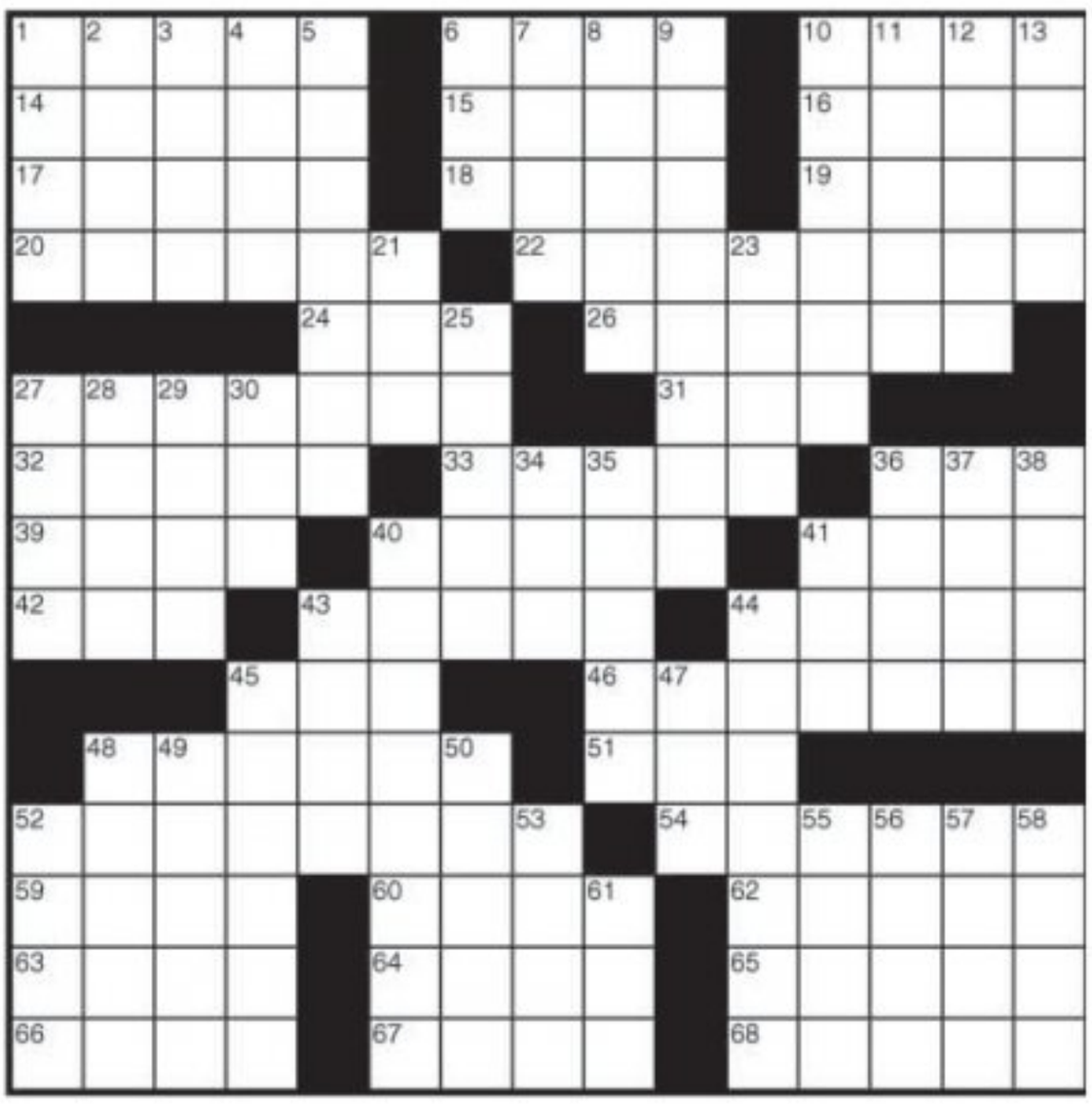

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Kensington's real 'Field of Dreams'

Football. New documentary showcases high school team playing on rocks and glass under El.

Three years ago, Kensington football coach Ellwood Erb had a vision: to have Friday Night Lights under the El stop at Front and Berks streets.

Three years later, the vision has been put into action ... but there's still a long way to go.

"This isn't the NFL, this isn't college; we're a public-league high school football team with rocks and glass on our field," said Erb. "We have little equipment, but what we do have is a ton of heart and a ton of pride."

Days before Kensington embarked on its second season last September, Erb was busy using buckets of paint to cover up a graffiti-defaced wall that hovers over their practice field. In its place was going to be another piece of his vision: a gigantic Kensington Tigers football mural.

Erb was approached by Max Pulcini, who was covering a story for the Fishtown Spirit.

"He told me, 'This is our second season. We went 8-1 in our first season. We have no funding from the city or state. We run this program with zero dollars,'" said Pulcini. "There was a little bit of money donated by the district when it first started, but just enough to get kids practice pants, which in football terms is like nothing ... The majority of the money comes right out of coach Erb's pockets."

After a two-hour conversation with Erb, Pulcini had his own vision and he decided to make the team's next season into a documentary.

Albasi, left, and Pulcini will unveil their documentary on June 8. STEVEN REITZ

Pulcini, a journalism student at Temple, didn't have too much videography experience. He asked his friend, Matt Albasi, a video production guru, if he could help. Albasi fell in love with the human side of the story.

"These kids are from Kensington. They don't get movies made about them," he said. "We allowed for these kids to feel a sense of importance and self-worth. A lot of these kids do come from broken homes and do come from nonexistent families, but when they were with us they felt important. That was one of our other goals with this project, making these kids feel important because every kid deserves to feel important."

Pulcini and Albasi have worked tirelessly over the past eight months on the documentary, while Erb has continued to do everything he can to advance the program. Pulcini hopes the documentary can change the status quo of Kensington.

"When you hear about Kensington, you hear about drugs, gangs, violence and murder," said Pulcini. "What we discovered was loving and supportive families. Families that want nothing more than to see their kids succeed. We also saw kids who were trying to reach their dreams. Kids who are sending in their applications and hoping to further their education and get out."

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Ellwood Erb is trying to help his kids see their dreams. / STEVEN REITZ

Rise up

The documentary, "Rise of the Tigers," will be completed mid-May. There will be a sneak preview at the Wells Fargo Center on June 8 at a Soul home game.

- **For ticket information and an exclusive look at the trailer, visit www.downhillproductions.com/rise or check out the film's Facebook page.**
- **Need a little inspiration?** Listen to coach Ellwood Erb: "Bonds are created on a football field. Everyone will screw up at some point and that's fine. My question is, how long is it going to take to respond and fix yourself? That's where football becomes a great thing. It teaches you lessons in life because at some point, you're going to get knocked down and you'll have to know how to pick yourself up. How long you stay on the ground is up to you."

3 SPORTS

Four and out

Heat sweep Bucks

It looks like Monta Ellis' prediction of the Bucks in six games was just a little off. Instead, LeBron James and the Heat swept Milwaukee out of the playoffs yesterday with an 88-77 victory in Game 4. The Heat were without Dwyane Wade, who missed the game with a knee injury, but James had 30 points in the win.

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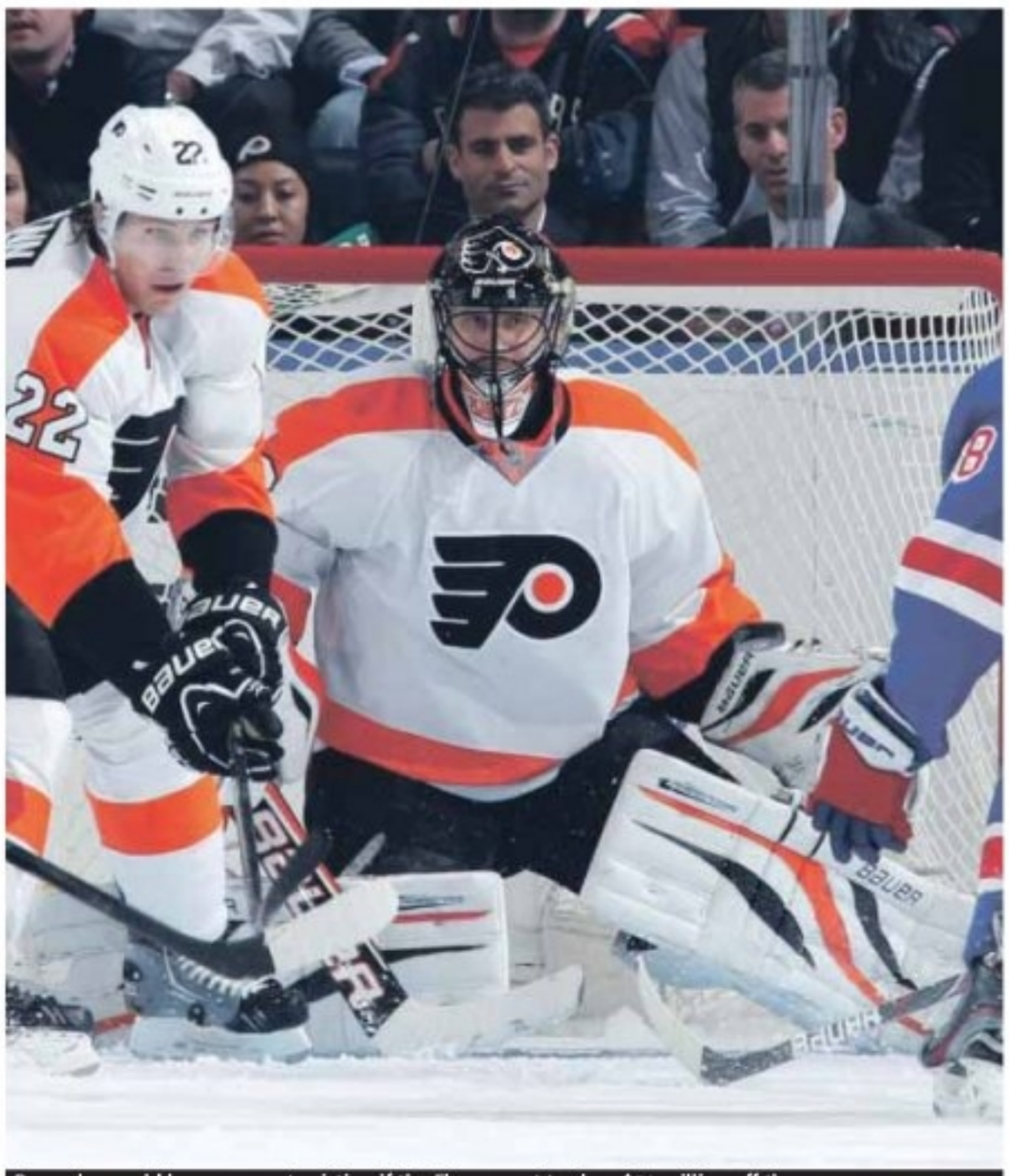

Bryzgalov could be an amnesty victim, if the Flyers want to clear $51 million off the cap. / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers head into offseason with what-ifs, regret

NHL. Philadelphia concludes a disappointing season with a winning record but no Stanley Cup.

The irony of the Flyers winning their last four games is that they wound up with a winning record, 23-22-3.

But as enigmatic goalie Ilya Bryzgalov said when asked what that would mean, that's not what they set out to do.

"We are not going to make the playoffs," said Bryzgalov, who started 35 of the first 37 games. "It doesn't matter whether you're two games below or two games above .500."

There are plenty of reasons the Flyers are on vacation despite finishing third in the league on the power play. The most obvious ones are the myriad of injuries.

Before the season, expectations ran high, largely based on the way the Flyers had taken out the Penguins in the playoffs. Playing a shortened season, with a young and talented roster, was supposed to help them.

"I thought we had a team that was going to be in the playoffs, a team that was going to do some damage," said Danny Briere.

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What went wrong

GM Paul Holmgren went all out trying to fix his team's biggest need but came up empty when Nashville matched an offer to Shea Weber and Ryan Suter chose Minnesota.

- In the process he lost Jaromir Jagr and Matt Carle, and the Flyers never came close to replacing them, which put more pressure on everyone else.
- Suddenly, opponents were all over new captain Claude Giroux and Scott Hartnell, who combined for only 21 goals after scoring 65 last year.

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Learning from their mistakes. Flyers left to answer questions.

Expectations were high coming into the season. What went wrong? Here's what we saw:

The kids didn't grow up: Coming off strong rookie seasons, forwards Sean Couturier, Matt Read and Brayden Schenn were supposed to pick up where they left off. Especially since Couturier and Schenn were permitted to play for the AHL Phantoms during the lockout, while Read was over in Europe. It didn't happen.

Road kill: In the last two seasons the Flyers won 25 games on the road and fared better in enemy rinks than at home. This year was a different story. While the Flyers weren't world-beaters at home, the reason their season is over is mainly due to an 8-15-1 mark on the road.

Third-period blahs:

Couturier played for Phantoms.
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Whether it was lack of conditioning or a lack of talent, compounded by a string of injuries, the third period was the Achilles' heel. Not only did opponents outscore them 52-36 in third periods, but Peter Laviolette's club went just 4-8 when tied after two periods. JON MARKS

Orange and Black try to figure it out

NHL. Flyers look to pick up the pieces after missing playoffs and failing to live up to high expectations.

How do the Flyers pick up the pieces from a season they may wish never was and make their way back among the NHL's elite? Will it take just a tweak here or there?

Or do they need a major overhaul, starting at the top with the coach and GM, and then sifting through the rubble of underachievers and players eating up cap space?

That may not bode well for goalie Ilya Bryzgalov, winger Danny Briere and injury-prone defenseman Andrej Meszaros. By the time they reconvene in Voorhees for training camp next September, they'll surely have a different look.

Keeping Paul Holmgren in charge to put it together, while Peter Laviolette gets to play mad scientist with the new pieces, still seems likely considering the oddities of the shortened season. It's never a certainty when you have an impatient boss like Ed Snider.

The Flyers' most dire need remains a defenseman who can handle the puck and get it out of the zone against a persistent forecheck. It probably won't come in the draft, thanks to a 4-0 finish that bumped them.

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Surprise pick Barkley here to compete for job

NFL. Eagles trade up to grab USC quarterback in fourth round of busy NFL draft.

Chip Kelly's first NFL draft is being mostly applauded.

He went with the safe choice to start things, with Oklahoma's Lane Johnson at No. 4 overall, then moved up three spots — ironically jumping over former coach Andy Reid — to land USC quarterback Matt Barkley in the fourth round.

Barkley, who was regarded as a first-rounder in last year's draft, finds himself in the mix on a team desperately seeking a franchise quarterback.

"I'm going to come in and compete. My mindset is I'm starting Day One," Barkley said. "Whatever happens, whatever the situation is, that has to be your mindset. Coming in and competing like it's your job. Pushing myself, challenging myself day in and day out. I think it will be great to be able to learn from Michael [Vick]."

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Matt Barkley's draft stock plummeted due to a shoulder injury. / GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Phillies sweep NY Mets, Ruiz back in lineup

The Phillies had a familiar face back in the lineup yesterday, as Carlos Ruiz returned from a 25-game suspension for using PEDs.

Ruiz went 1-for-4 with a double and the Phils beat the New York Mets, 5-1, to complete a weekend sweep. Freddy Galvis homered, Chase Utley stroked an RBI single and Cole Hamels struck out eight in six innings for the win.

Jon Niese took the loss for the Mets, who have lost four straight. The Phils face Cleveland tomorrow (7:05 p.m.). METRO

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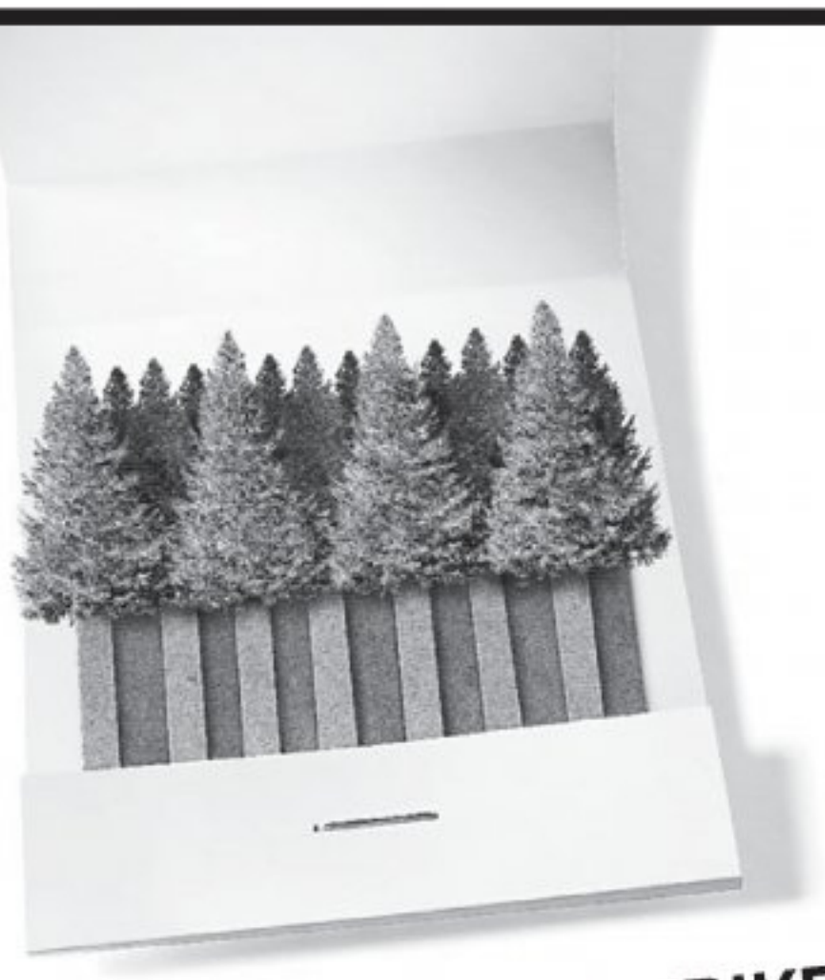

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